

the first term of said criminal district court held in the counties where said bail bond, bond or recognizance has been given and taken in the district court of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District in said counties, respectively.

Sec. 11. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. The great accumulation of cases upon the docket of the district courts of Nueces, Kleberg, Willacy and Cameron Counties being such as to require immediate relief by the creation of a criminal district court for said counties, creates an imperative duty, necessity and emergency that requires that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the rule is hereby suspended, and that this bill be placed upon its third reading and passage without being so read, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Tuesday, February 27, 1917.

The Senate met at 2:20 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Sulter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.

Absent.

Parr.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.

Smith.

47—Senate.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator McNealus.

Excused.

Senator Smith, for today, on account of sickness, on motion of Senator Clark.

Executive Session.

The Chair here announced that the hour, 2:30 o'clock p. m., heretofore designated by the Senate to hold Executive Session, had arrived, and directed the Chamber cleared of those not entitled to remain.

The following action was taken in Executive Session as reported by the Secretary to the Journal Clerk:

The Senate refused to confirm the following appointment made by the Governor:

To be a member of the Board of Regents of State University—Dr. D. H. Lawrence of El Paso County.

In the Senate.

(Lieutenant Governor Hobby in the chair).

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.

Committee Reports.

See Appendix.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senators Clark and Harley:

S. B. No. 437, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding hereto Article 839a, empowering cities and towns incorporated under the General Law and those to be incorporated under the General Law, and the commissioners courts of the several counties to make rules and regulations by ordinance and order affecting the control and elimination of contagious and infectious diseases, and prescribing rules of health as a prerequisite for admission to institutions of learning, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Woodward:

S. B. No. 438, A bill to be entitled "An Act increasing Valera Common School District No. 52 to conform to the following metes and bounds; providing that said district shall be governed by the General Laws of the State, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Gibson:

S. B. No. 439, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the appointment by county judge of guardians of the estates of persons incapable, from any cause, of properly managing their estates, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Parr:

S. B. No. 440, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the San Diego Independent County Line School District of Duval County by adding to and making a part of what is now known as the San Diego Independent School District of Duval County certain lands and territory adjoining thereto and situated in Duval and Jim Wells Counties for school purposes only; providing for a board of trustees; giving said board of trustees of said independent county line district power and jurisdiction over said lands and territories and the inhabitants thereof; providing for an election to be held by the San Diego Independent County Line School District to determine if refunding bonds shall be issued to take up the bonded indebtedness outstanding against what is now known as the San Diego Independent School District of Duval County, and prescribing a form of ballot for said election; validating a bonded indebtedness of the said San Diego Independent School District of Duval County; placing said San Diego Independent County Line District under the general statutes except as herein expressly provided otherwise, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senators Henderson and Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 441, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 150, en-

acted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, approved April 5, 1915, relating to the sale of the land belonging to the public free school fund and the several asylum funds, repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senators Alderdice, Dean and Dayton:

S. C. R. No. 22, Providing for an educational survey of the State of Texas, creating a commission to make such survey.

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator King:

S. B. No. 442, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 53, Article 1121, Title 25, Chapter 2, of Vernon's Sayles Texas Civil Statutes, being the Act of the Thirtieth Legislature, Chapter 157, General Laws, page 299, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 167.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

S. B. No. 167, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal benefit societies, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alderdice.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Woodward.

Absent.

Bailey.	Johnston of Harris.
Floyd.	McCollum.

McNealus. Strickland.
Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

Senator Lattimore moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 167 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 368.

Senator King asked for unanimous consent to take up out of its order Senate Bill No. 368.

There was objection.

Senator King moved that the regular order of business (Senate Bill No. 219), be suspended, and that the Senate take up, out of its order, Senate Bill No. 368.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Alderdice. Harley.
Bee. Henderson.
Buchanan of Bell. King.
Buchanan of Scurry. McCollum.
Caldwell. Page.
Clark. Parr.
Dayton. Westbrook.
Gibson. Woodward.
Hall.

Nays—6.

Bailey. Johnson of Hall.
Hopkins. Lattimore.
Hudspeth. Suiter.

Absent.

Dean. McNealus.
Floyd. Robbins.
Johnston of Harris. Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

S. B. No. 368, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6096, Chapter 1, Title 101, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, pertaining to partitions and authorizing the partition of any real estate, or of any interest therein, or of any mineral, coal, petroleum, or gas lands, whether held in fee or by lease or

otherwise, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice. Hopkins.
Bailey. Johnson of Hall.
Bee. King.
Buchanan of Bell. Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry. McCollum.
Caldwell. McNealus.
Clark. Page.
Dayton. Parr.
Gibson. Suiter.
Hall. Westbrook.
Harley. Woodward.
Henderson.

Present—Not Voting.

Dean. Hudspeth.

Absent.

Floyd. Robbins.
Johnston of Harris. Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

Senator King moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 368 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 109.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

S. B. No. 109, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2811, Chapter 14, Title 48, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, empowering the trustees of any school district upon petition of parents or guardians, to require said trustees to establish and maintain free kindergarten, for the training of children between the ages of five and seven years, and to provide for trained kindergarten teachers."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

Senator Bee moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 109 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Bills Signed.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Hobby) gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

H. B. No. 474, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Wilson Independent School District, in Lynn County, Texas, and defining the boundaries thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 539, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Lipscomb Independent School District, in Lipscomb County, Texas; defining its boundaries; investing said district with all the rights, privileges and duties of an independent school district created under the laws of the State of Texas for free school purposes," etc.

H. B. No. 563, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Real County; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 509, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Blanket Independent School District, in Brown and Comanche Counties, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 414, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crockett Independent School District in Houston County, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 49, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 41, of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Coryell County, Texas, etc.,' as the same was amended by an Act of the Thirtieth Legislature, known as House Bill No. 339, and as the same was amended by Chapter 62 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature; providing that any citizen of Coryell County liable to road duty who shall pay to the county treasurer the sum of three dollars by the second Tuesday in February of each year shall be exempt from road duty for such year, and providing

that any person liable to road duty who fails to pay such tax shall be required to pay the sum of one dollar for every day he fails to appear and work on the road, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 554, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Chappell Independent School District in Madison County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act expressing the assent of the State of Texas to the provisions of an Act of the Sixty-fourth Congress of the United States, approved July 11, 1916, providing for Federal aid in the construction of post roads in the States of the Union; authorizing the Texas Highway Commission to co-operate with the United States Secretary of Agriculture in the administration of the said Act of Congress, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 32, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3903, Chapter 4, Title 58, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas, and as amended by Chapter 142 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, relating to the appointment of certain officers named in Articles 3881 and 3886 of the Revised Civil Statutes, of deputies or assistants in the performance of the duties of such officers where such assistants or deputies are necessary for the efficiency of the public service; providing for an application to be made by such officers to the county judge of the county for authority to appoint same; prescribing the issuance by the county judge of an order authorizing the appointment of such deputies or assistants shall make affidavit that such assistants or deputies are necessary for the efficiency of the public service; providing for the salary of the chief deputy and the other deputies or assistants; providing that the order of the county judge granting such authority shall state the number of deputies or assistants; providing that the officer requesting said deputies or assistants shall fix their compensation; providing the maximum amount allowed for deputies in counties having a population from 37,500 to 100,000; providing the maximum amount allowed deputies in counties having a population in

excess of 100,000; and providing that in counties in excess of 100,000 inhabitants, district attorneys of any district or county attorney is authorized, with the consent of the county judge of said county, to appoint two assistants in addition to his regular force, which two assistants shall not be required to possess same qualifications required by law for district and county attorneys; providing amount paid said deputies; also providing for \$50.00 per month for necessary expenses, etc."

H. B. No. 596, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Maydelle Independent School District in Cherokee County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 103, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of and make an appropriation for the construction of a main building, chemical laboratory building, dormitory and power house for the School of Mines of the State of Texas, located in El Paso, Texas, and to make an appropriation of all funds collected from insurance on the burned buildings of said School of Mines, for said purpose, and for furnishing, equipping and maintaining said School of Mines, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the Governor of Texas to appoint an inspector of hides and animals in Nueces County, Texas, and to place said county under the provisions of Articles 7256 to 7304, both inclusive, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and providing for fees for inspector appointed by the Governor, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 259, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for McCulloch County, Texas; defining the powers and duties of the commissioners court of said county in adopting such system, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 299, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Sinton Independent School District, known as Common School District No. 1, in San Patricio County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 271, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Hopkins County, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 487, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to create a more efficient road system for Gillespie County, Texas, and making the commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners in their respective precincts, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for the compensation of road commissions, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 516, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define the duties of county commissioners of San Patricio County, Texas, relating to the appointment and supervision of road overseers in defined road districts, and fixing the compensation of the commissioners of San Patricio County, Texas, when acting as ex officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 393, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 42, of Article 30, Title 5, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to provide for the holding of four terms of district court in Taylor and Eastland Counties, changing the time of holding court in Stephens, Callahan and Shackelford Counties, and reducing the terms of court in Stephens County from four to three weeks."

H. B. No. 432, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the limits of the Sweetwater Independent School District by adding thereto certain territory from adjoining districts, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Senate Bill No. 412.

Senator Dean asked for unanimous consent to take up for consideration S. B. No. 412.

There was objection.

Senator Dean moved that the regular order of business (S. B. No. 219) be suspended, and that the Senate take up, out of its order, S. B. No. 412.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Bee.	Harley.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Clark.	King.
Dean.	Lattimore.
Floyd.	Page.
Gibson.	

Nays—6.

Caldwell.	McNealus.
Hudspeth.	Parr.
McCollum.	Suiter.

Present—Not Voting.

Bailey.	Dayton.
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Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Hall.	Strickland.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Refusal to Adjourn.

At 6:25 o'clock p. m., Senator McNealus moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Senator Hopkins offered as a substitute the following written motion:

We move that the Senate recess until 8 o'clock tonight, and that at said session the roll be called and each Senator be given an opportunity to take up any local or non-contested bill in order.

HOPKINS,
WESTBROOK,
HARLEY.

The motion to adjourn was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Gibson.	Page.
Hall.	Parr.
Hopkins.	

Nays—13.

Bailey.	Henderson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Harley.	

Present—Not Voting.

Hudspeth.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Strickland.
Robbins.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senator Lattimore offered the following amendment to the pending motion:

Amend pending motion by inserting after the word "session" the following: "the regular order of business be for said night session suspended and that."

LATTIMORE,
HUDSPETH,
BAILEY.

The amendment was adopted.

The motion to recess as amended was adopted.

After Recess.

(Night Session.)

The Senate was called to order by the Secretary, John D. McCall.

At Ease.

By unanimous consent, the Senate stood at ease for twenty minutes.

(President Pro Tem. Henderson in the chair).

House Bill No. 300.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 300, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the authority and duties of the commissioners court of Calhoun County, Texas, and of the county commissioners of said county; to require said county commissioners to devote their entire time and attention to the affairs of said county and to fix the salary of the members of said commissioners court and repealing all laws, general and special, in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Bailey, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 300 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Lattimore.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Lattimore.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senator Bailey moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 300 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 138.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

S. B. No. 138, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for an appeal from interlocutory orders overruling

motions to vacate orders appointing receivers."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Clark.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Woodward.
Lattimore.	

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senate Bill No. 363.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

S. B. No. 363, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court in the various counties, comprising the Thirty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Gibson.
Clark.	Lattimore.

Page. Woodward.
Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. C. R. No. 15, A Concurrent Resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to draft a bill embodying a complete revision of the statutes of this State relating to ad valorem taxation, together with such amendments, changes and additions as will provide an efficient law upon the subject, and providing a more efficient system for collection of delinquent taxes, providing a method to prevent double renditions of property and a more efficient system of bookkeeping for tax collectors, assessors and Comptroller; providing for the employment of an assistant and stenographer; authorizing the payment of salaries from the contingent expense fund of the House and Senate.

Pending.

Senate Bill No. 407.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 407, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 67, Special Laws of Texas, Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, Regular Session, entitled 'An Act creating the Hamlin Independent School District in Jones, County, Texas, defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency.'"

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 407 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Bailey. Buchanan of Scurry.
Bee. Caldwell.
Buchanan of Bell. Clark.

Dayton. King.
Dean. Lattimore.
Floyd. McCollum.
Hall. McNealus.
Harley. Parr.
Henderson. Strickland.
Hopkins. Suiter.
Hudspeth. Westbrook.
Johnson of Hall. Woodward.
Johnston of Harris.

Absent.

Alderdice. Page.
Gibson. Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Bailey. Hudspeth.
Bee. Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell. Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry. King.
Caldwell. Lattimore.
Clark. McCollum.
Dayton. McNealus.
Dean. Parr.
Floyd. Strickland.
Harley. Suiter.
Henderson. Westbrook.
Hopkins. Woodward.

Absent.

Alderdice. Page.
Gibson. Robbins.
Hall.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

Senate No. Bill 394.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 394, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 16, of Chapter 20, of Local and Special Laws of the Thirty-first Legislature, 1909, approved March 8, 1909, entitled, 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Lampasas County, Texas,' and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Caldwell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 394 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senate Bill No. 95.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 95, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3837 of

the Revised Statutes of 1911 so as to provide that the permit fees for corporations payable to the Secretary of State under the provisions of Article 3837, Chapter 1, Title 58, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, shall be based upon the capital stock of corporations domestic and foreign issued and outstanding, not to exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Clark, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 95 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Dayton.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
King.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

	Absent.
Alderdice.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senate Bill No. 390.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 390, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a State Training School upon the cottage plan for dependent and delinquent girls of Texas, to locate same and provide for its control and management, and to make conditional appropriations, and to provide for private, county and city donations for its establishment and declaring an emergency,' which Act is known as Chapter 144 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature and making it an offense to persuade, coerce or employ any inmate of such institution, or any home selected by the authorities thereof for any girl committed to such institution, to leave such institution or home, and making it an offense to aid, advise, encourage or furnish means for any inmate to escape from said institution or to aid or facilitate such escape, or to hide or conceal any inmate after she has escaped, and providing for punishment therefor."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Dayton, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 390 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bee.	Harley.
Buchanan of Bell.	Henderson.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	Hudspeth.
Clark.	Johnson of Hall.
Dayton.	Johnston of Harris.
Dean.	King.
Floyd.	McCollum.
Hall.	McNealus.

Parr.	Sulter.
Strickland.	Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Bailey.	Lattimore.
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Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hudspeth.
Caldwell.	Johnson of Hall.
Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	King.
Dean.	Lattimore.
Floyd.	McCollum.
Gibson.	McNealus.
Hall.	Parr.
Harley.	Strickland.
Henderson.	Sulter.

Present—Not Voting.

Bailey.	Buchanan of Bell.
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Absent.

Alderdice.	Westbrook.
Page.	Woodward.
Robbins.	

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senate Bill No. 414.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 414, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Grimes County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Dean, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 414 put on

its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Parr.
Floyd.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Page.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senate Bill No. 396.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 396, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate titles to school land which has been purchased on condition of settlement and residence in cases where the purchaser made settlement thereon, as required by

law, and before the expiration of three years from date of award, transferred the land, but completed the occupancy and obtained a certificate of occupancy, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Floyd, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 396 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bee.	Henderson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hudspeth.
Caldwell.	Johnson of Hall.
Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	McNealus.
Gibson.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.

Present—Not Voting.

Bailey.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
King.	Westbrook.
Page.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Gibson.	McNealus.
Hall.	Parr.
Harley.	

Present—Not Voting.

Floyd.	Suiter.
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Absent.

Alderdice.	Strickland.
Page.	Westbrook.
Robbins.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senate Bill No. 354.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 354, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Callahan County, making county commissioners ex officio road commissioners, prescribing their powers and duties, and providing their compensation as such road commissioners, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Gibson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 354 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Harley.
Bee.	Henderson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hudspeth.
Caldwell.	Johnson of Hall.
Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	McNealus.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
King.	Strickland.
Page.	Westbrook.
Parr.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Buchanan of Bell.
Bee.	Buchanan of Scurry.

Caldwell.	Hopkins.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Dayton.	Johnson of Hall.
Dean.	Johnston of Harris.
Floyd.	Lattimore.
Gibson.	McCollum.
Hall.	McNealus.
Harley.	Parr.
Henderson.	Suiter.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Strickland.
King.	Westbrook.
Page.	Woodward.
Robbins.	

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senate Bill No. 271.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading:

S. B. No. 271, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate the incorporation of the city of Texas City, and to declare valid all Acts pertaining to the incorporation of said city, and to declare valid and binding each and every of the official acts of the mayor and city commissioners sitting as a board of commissioners, since the incorporation of said city of Texas City."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	McNealus.
Gibson.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Bee.	Westbrook.
Page.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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(Senator Bailey in the chair.)

Senate Bill No. 328.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 328, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit railroad corporations, by and with permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, to change, re-locate or abandon any portion of its line when without the limits of any incorporated city, town or village, and to change, re-locate or abandon any part of its line within the limits of any incorporated city, town or village, by and with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the city council or board of aldermen of such city, town or village, and providing for the exercise of the right of eminent domain to acquire right of way and depot grounds when lines are changed or re-located and validating such changes, re-locations or abandonments, when heretofore made with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Harley offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend Senate Bill No. 328 by striking out Section 4, page 31, printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 4. All changes, re-locations and abandonments of parts of their lines by railroad corporations, including those within any incorporated city, town or village, heretofore made with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas or authorized by its written order, are hereby validated and made legal as fully as if made under the provisions of this Act, and such permission or written order of the Railroad Commission of this State shall be full power and authority to a railroad corporation to make such changes, re-location or abandonment of parts of its line, provided the right-of-way over private property for the change in location has been legally acquired.

Senator Hopkins offered the following:

Amend Senate Bill No. 328, by adding after Section 2 thereof another section, to be known as Section 3, to read as follows:

"Section 3. The authority is hereby conferred upon the Railroad Commission of Texas to inquire into the proposed or existing arrangement of railroad tracks, and depot buildings, at railroad stations in this State to determine whether or not proposed or existing arrangements of such tracks, switches and depot buildings is or may be dangerous to the public and to determine whether or not the public interest demands or may demand a re-arrangement or re-location of such tracks, switches and depot buildings to be made, and to determine whether or not such re-arrangement or re-location can be made upon terms and conditions reasonable and just to the person, firm, corporation or receiver owning or operating such track, switches and depot buildings, and the Railroad Commission may, if the aforesaid question can, under the facts, be resolved affirmatively, thereupon give notice to such persons, firm, corporation or receiver, and after public hearing and investigation, may require the person, firm, corporation or receiver, owning or operating such tracks, switches and depot buildings at such points to arrange, or re-arrange, or re-locate the same in accordance with the specifications made by the Railroad Commission of Texas," and to re-number other sections to correspond.

Pending.

On motion of Senator Harley Senate Bill No. 328 was set as a special order for next Thursday at the conclusion of the morning call.

House Bill No. 525.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading

H. B. No. 525, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging the area of Nixon Independent School District in Gonzales and Wilson Counties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Harley, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was

suspended and House Bill No. 525 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Woodward.
Lattimore.	

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Lattimore.
Clark.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senate Bill No. 430.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 430, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Special Road Law of Morris County, passed by the Thir-

ty-first Legislature, and amended at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, and creating a more efficient road law for Morris County, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Henderson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 430 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Lattimore.
Clark.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Lattimore.
Clark.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senate Bill No. 204.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

S. B. No. 204, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Section 4, Chapter 150, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature as amended by Chapter 13, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, relating to the payment of in-county witnesses in felony cases, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Parr.
Harley.	Strickland.
Henderson.	Suiter.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Clark.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

(President Pro Tem. Henderson in the chair).

Senate Bill No. 357.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 357, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 173 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 9, 1913, relating to the prospect for and the development of the minerals and other substances in the public land, public islands and public waters and river beds and channels owned by the State, and in the unsold land belonging to the public free school fund, the university fund, and the several asylums fund and in such of said land as has heretofore been sold or may be hereafter sold with the

reservation of the minerals and other substances therein to the fund in which the land belongs; providing the royalty and other sums and compensation to be paid to the State and owners of the surface, and appropriating the proceeds to certain funds; providing for ingress and egress; providing one may pay cash for mineral claims, and obtain patents, and change former claims to rights under this Act; providing for adoption of rules and regulations by the Commissioner of the General Land Office; repealing the remaining portion of this said Chapter 173 which may not be amended and all other statutes in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 357 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

McNealus.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

Senate Bill No. 352.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

S. B. No. 352, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 75, Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of 1907, being an Act to authorize, enable and permit the territory within the boundaries of the town of Estelline, in Hall County, Texas, and other lands and territory adjacent thereto to incorporate as independent school district for free school purposes only, known as Estelline Independent School District, with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed by incorporation of towns and villages for free school purposes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	

Nays—1.

Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senate Bill No. 353.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 353, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 15, Chapter 1, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted in 1911, by adding thereto Article 1019a, defining the offense of negligent assault and battery, fixing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Johnston of

Harris, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 353 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Bailey.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Bailey.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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House Bill No. 470.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 470, A bill to be entitled "An Act to enlarge the territory of the Port Arthur Independent School

District, so as hereafter to include a portion of common school district No. 11 of Jefferson County, and providing that the territory so to be annexed to the Port Arthur Independent School District shall continue to pay its pro rata of taxes levied or to be levied for the payment of the interest and sinking fund of the bonds now outstanding of Common School District No. 11, and for the manner of their assessment and collection, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator King, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 470 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Bailey.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

48—Senate.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Bailey.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

House Bill No. 50.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

H. B. No. 50, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and create a criminal district court for Tarrant County; to provide for the jurisdiction of, and procedure in, said court; to fix the time for holding the terms of said court; to provide for the appointment, election, qualification, duties, powers and compensation of a Judge of said court; depriving and divesting the district courts of Tarrant County of jurisdiction of all criminal cases; providing from and after the taking effect of this Act for the transfer of all criminal cases from the district courts of the Seventeenth, Forty-eighth and Sixty-seventh Judicial Districts of Tarrant County to the criminal district court of Tarrant County created by this Act; providing that the county attorney, the sheriff and the clerk of the district court of Tarrant County shall be the county attorney, sheriff and clerk of the district court, respectively, of the court created by this Act, under the same rules and regulations as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law for the government of such officials; providing for the fees to be received by such officers for such services; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act, and creating an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

Senator Lattimore offered the following amendments, which were read and adopted, being voted on severally:

(1) Amend H. B. No. 50 by striking out Section 3 and renumbering the subsequent sections to conform to this action.

(2) Amend H. B. No. 50 by adding at the end of present Section 12 the following: "Provided that the clerk of the court herein created shall receive as compensation for his serv-

ices the sum of \$125 per month to be paid as are the salaries of other clerks of criminal district courts of this State."

(3) Amend H. B. No. 50 by striking out the words in lines 8 and 9 of Section 15 after the word "be," the following to wit: "by the clerk of the district courts," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "by the judges of the other district courts ordered."

(4) Amend H. B. No. 50 by adding after the present Section 17 a new section to be known after renumbering, as Section 17, to read as follows: "All orders heretofore made and all process heretofore issued in any criminal cause so transferred are hereby validated and made of full force and effect in the criminal district court of Tarrant County."

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Lattimore, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 50 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Sulter.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Clark.
Bee.	Dayton.
Buchanan of Bell.	Dean.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Floyd.
Caldwell.	Hall.

Harley.	King.
Henderson.	Lattimore.
Hopkins.	McCollum.
Hudspeth.	Parr.
Johnson of Hall.	Strickland.
Johnston of Harris.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Sulter.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd. Smith.

Senator Lattimore moved to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 50 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 436.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 436, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Twentieth Judicial District of Texas and to create the Eighty-third Judicial District of Texas, to fix the time of holding court in said districts and to provide for organizing grand juries at certain terms in said courts, etc., to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator McCollum, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 436 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Floyd.
Bee.	Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Henderson.
Caldwell.	Hopkins.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Dayton.	Johnson of Hall.
Dean.	Johnston of Harris.

King.	Parr.
Lattimore.	Strickland.
McCollum.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Nays—1.

Dean.

Present—Not Voting.

Henderson.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Page.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senator McCollum moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 436 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 433.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 433, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 6 and 6a of an Act to reorganize the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to create a criminal district court for the Counties of Nueces, Kleberg, Willacy and Cameron, being known as Senate Bill No. 320,

passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature and approved February 26, 1917, and to conform all writs and processes from such court to such changes, including recognizances and bonds, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Parr, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 433 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Bailey.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

Senate Bill No. 168.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 168, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize fraternal benefit societies to issue certificates to their members in which eleemosynary, religious or educational societies, associations or corporations may be named as beneficiaries, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Clark, the constitutional rule requiring bills to

be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 168 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Sulter.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Sulter.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Senate Bill No. 406.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 406, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 6 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-

fourth Legislature, 1915,' being an Act entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wood County,' etc., and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hall, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 406 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Page.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Sulter.
McNealus.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Sulter.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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House Bill No. 612.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

H. B. No. 612, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road, bridge and culvert system for Houston County; to create the office of road superintendent, etc., and providing for an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Strickland the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 612 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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House Bill No. 608.

The Chair laid before the Senate on its second reading,

H. B. No. 608, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Chireno Independent School District in Nacogdoches County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Westbrook the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 608 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Lattimore.
Dean.	McCollum.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Clark.
Bee.	Dayton.
Buchanan of Bell.	Dean.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Floyd.
Caldwell.	Hall.

Harley.	King.
Henderson.	Lattimore.
Hopkins.	McCollum.
Hudspeth.	Parr.
Johnson of Hall.	Strickland.
Johnston of Harris.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Alderdice.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Decherd.	Smith.
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Adjournment.

At 12:10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday on motion of Senator Clark the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

APPENDIX.**Petitions and Memorials.**

A numerous signed petition to Senator Buchanan of Bell was offered opposing the passage of Senate Bill No. 219.

Senator McNealus read a letter from Eagle Ford, Texas, protesting against the dumping of refuse into the West Fork of the Trinity River. The letter was referred to the State Health Department.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had S. B. No. 300 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22,

Has had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BEE, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 690, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Liberty Hill Independent School District in Williamson County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Bailey, Harley, Alderdice, Page, Gibson, Dayton.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 440, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the San Diego Independent County Line School District of Duval County by adding to and making a part of what is now known as the San Diego Independent School District of Duval County certain lands and territory adjoining thereto and situated in Duval and Jim Wells Counties for school purposes only; providing for a board of trustees; giving said board of trustees of said independent county line district power and jurisdiction over said lands and territories and the inhabitants thereof; providing for an election to be held by the San Diego Independent County Line School District to determine if refunding bonds shall be issued to take up the bonded indebtedness outstanding against what is now known as the San Diego

Independent School District of Duval County, and prescribing the form of ballot for said election; validating a bonded indebtedness of the said San Diego Independent School District of Duval County; placing said San Diego Independent County Line District under the general statutes except as herein expressly provided otherwise, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Lattimore, Dayton, Alderdice, Buchanan of Scurry, Johnson, Gibson, Harley, Page, Bailey, Dean.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 525, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging the area of Nixon Independent School District in Gonzales and Wilson Counties, Texas, and defining its boundaries, providing for the levying and collecting of taxes, the appointment of trustees, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Harley, Alderdice, Bailey, Page, Johnson, Dean, Lattimore, Gibson.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 72, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of two State Normal Colleges; providing for the location of same, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do

pass, with the following committee amendments

Amend Section 3 of the bill as follows:

(a) By inserting before the words "The State Superintendent of Public Instruction" the words "The Governor of Texas."

(b) By adding at the end of said section, after the word "Committee," the following:

"Provided that if any member of said locating committee shall die, resign or refuse to act before both of said Normal Colleges are located, the Governor shall be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a successor or successors to fill such vacancy or vacancies so caused who shall have all the rights, powers and privileges of their predecessor or predecessors on such locating committee."

BEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 381, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 735, Chapter 4, Title 12, of the Revised Criminal Statutes of 1911, of the State of Texas, relating to standard of feed stuff,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 169, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the sale of and defining agricultural planting seeds; providing a standard of purity for such seeds; requiring their proper labeling; defining noxious and common weed seeds and inert matter; prohibiting the sale of mixed seeds unless so labeled; providing for the collection of samples and their examination; designating an officer for the enforcement of the law, providing for the expense and enforcement of the law, and fixing penalties for its violation."

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 252, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment and management of experimental apiaries under the direction of the directors of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for the purpose of experimenting with the culture of honey bees, and studying honey yield conditions and other beekeeping problems, and making necessary appropriations therefor; designating expenditures, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 233, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish standard containers and standard grades and packs for fruits and vegetables grown in this State for the markets, to prescribe dimensions and cubical contents of such containers; to require the manufacturers of such containers to conform to the standards herein prescribed; to define the different grades and packs as applied to different kinds of fruits and vegetables; to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture of this State to promulgate and publish said standard for the information of the public, and promulgate standards of containers, grades and packs, in conformity with those hereafter established by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, and promulgate such other standards of containers, grades and packs as in his judgment are expedient and to the best interests of

the fruit and truck growers of the State; providing for supervision of the grading and packing of fruits and vegetables through State inspectors to be appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture; empowering the Commissioner of Agriculture to enforce the provisions of this Act; prescribing penalties for its violation, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 398, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 11, of Article 4443, Chapter 6, Title 65, of Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Tax Assessors, requiring them to take certain agricultural statistics upon blanks and forms to be furnished by the Commissioner of Agriculture; fixing the time and manner of taking such statistics; fixing the compensation; prescribing the time and manner of paying the same; fixing penalties for the failure of the assessors to comply with the provisions of this Act, and prescribing penalties on all persons, firms or corporations failing or refusing to give the information desired, when called on to do so by the Tax Assessor or the Commissioner of Agriculture or his authorized agents, by adding thereto Sections 11a, 11b and 11c."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 436, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to reorganize the Twentieth Judicial District of Texas and to create the Eighty-third Judicial District of Texas; to fix the time of holding court in said districts and to provide for organizing grand juries at certain terms in said court; to provide for the retention of the judge of the Twentieth Judicial District in office and for the appointment of a judge of the said Eighty-third Judicial District and to abolish the office of district attorney for the said Twentieth Judicial District, and to provide that the county attorneys of the said three counties of Milam, Robertson and Brazos shall perform the duties of the district attorney for said district; providing for the retention of the district clerks of the said three counties in office; to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county courts of Robertson and Brazos Counties, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said counties to said change; providing for the appointment of an official court reporter and to fix his compensation; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Buchanan of Scurry, Chairman; King, Parr, McCollum, Henderson, Hall, Dean.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 27, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 693, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of an Act to provide a special road law for Denton County, Texas, to abolish overseer system in Denton, County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Floyd, Clark, Gibson.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 718, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Newton County, Texas, and creating the office of superintendent of public roads, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Floyd, Clark, Gibson.

THIRTY - NINTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Wednesday, February 28, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Sulter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Smith.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Westbrook.

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.